

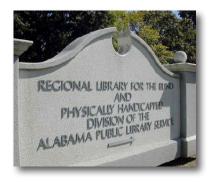
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The Alabama Public Library Service (APLS) is a state library agency serving all citizens of Alabama through more than 219 public libraries and directly to state employees. Statewide assistance is done through onsite visits, e-mail, phone, FAX, and online resources such as the Alabama Virtual Library (AVL), HomeworkAlabama, and Learning Express. The seven-member APLS Executive Board is appointed by the governor for five-year terms with each member serving as the representative of one of Alabama's seven congressional districts.

The objectives of APLS are:

- To provide library services to Alabama citizens through local public libraries and directly to state employees through job support research.
- •To provide library services to those with special needs through the Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.
- •To provide library services to employees of the State of Alabama and state agencies, to meet their work-related information needs.
- •To assist in establishing cooperative library services and networks.
- •To provide continuing education opportunities for public librarians.
- •To provide consulting services and information technology to public libraries.
- •The agency is responsible for administration and distribution of state aid for public libraries and an annual competitive grant program under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).



From the Director

We are now beginning a new decade having survived the transit from the 20th century to the 21st century. Public libraries have transitioned from a book collection with few audiovisuals in the 80's and 90's, to a high tech environment of e-books, online resources and the Internet. We have seen in the last few years even the backbone of our libraries, recreational book reading, succumb to the world of e-readers, Nooks, Kindles, MP3s, downloadables and now Smart-phones and iPods. Libraries are no longer "your Grandma's" library but a combination of traditional and techno libraries. "Grandma" is all about new technology and being connected. To the surprise of naysayers of the late 90's, the Internet has not caused the demise of public libraries but a morphing of libraries to include many varied methods of providing both recreational and educational information to their patrons.

In 2010, over 50% of federal dollars designated for Alabama's public libraries were spent on competitive grants and statewide initiatives for library technology, connectivity and electronic services for our patrons. As a result of the focus this agency has had for the past twelve years, public access computing is available in all 219 public library systems and their branches. In a national survey conducted in 2008, Alabama ranked 13th of all 50 states in number of public computers



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available per capita for its citizens. Public access computers allow patrons to connect to the Internet from their local public libraries without charge.

We are not yet a nation of every home having a computer and an Internet connection. Public libraries help to level the field for all to have access to information via the Internet. Internet accessibility in public libraries allows the citizens of Alabama to hone their job skills through free online resources such as Learning Express, HomeworkAlabama.org, the Alabama Virtual Library (AVL) and other databases provided by the individual public libraries. This is a vital service, since many of the state's unemployed and underemployed do not have other means of accessing free computers. No longer do many companies accept paper job applications. Prospective employees now must submit online applications. Many government services, for example: filing of federal, state, and local income taxes, business taxes, applying for unemployment benefits, renewal of professional licenses, purchasing of hunting and fishing licenses, etc. are either strongly recommended to be done online or only available online. The public library becomes the "plug in" site for many of our state's citizens. This became very evident in the Summer of 2010 with the Gulf Oil Crisis. Alabamians affected by the oil spill went to their public libraries in record numbers to file claims for FEMA, Red Cross, BP and local assistance. Public libraries had the necessary equipment and were open more convenient hours such as nights and weekends to serve these individuals.

To paraphrase Mark Twain the "rumors of the public library's demise have been greatly exaggerated." The opposite is true. Usage of public libraries by Alabama's citizens has increased. Those who have not used the public library since they were in high school or college are now finding the library is a very vital part of their local, state and global communities.

Public libraries in Alabama today are truly no longer just for "Grandma." They are the hub of the Community, taking Alabamians regardless of where they live (rural or urban) to anywhere in the world through the "click of a mouse."

Assistant Director's Report

For decades, the labor of the *ditch digger* has been deemed to be an important work that requires the ability to design a "point A to point B" plan of action along with the ability to endure until the time of project completion. The work of the *ditch digger* helps to prevent tragedies like flooding and helps to chart boundaries of ownership and responsibility.

Like the ditch digger who works so diligently, APLS continued to chart progress of its benefit to the state. New public libraries were begun in the communities of Clay, Eclectic, Hobson City, Munford, Southside, and Steele while the former Eunice Kelly Worthington Public Library found new life and financial support as the Green Pond-Woodstock Public Library. The agency coordinated a statewide BIG READ program among more than two hundred locations that illustrated the cooperative nature of Alabama's public libraries as thousands of citizens celebrated Mark Twain's work *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. Having demonstrated in FY2009 the need of public library construction projects, APLS was awarded state construction dollars to administer. In FY2010, 16 public libraries received funding for facility projects and repairs.



Hulen Bivins

APLS also worked to prevent the tragedy of the curtailment of quality library services by diligently and steadfastly presenting to the Alabama Legislature and Governor the need of public library funding (State Aid dollars) in times of economic hardship. The message was clear that public libraries were important to industrial development, needed as a resource to aid the unemployed to discover new job opportunities, and necessary to support the educational process of Alabama's future with programs like "HomeworkAlabama" that provided free online tutorial assistance. Certainly, no other agency's programs in the State of Alabama provided so much value to the state's citizens for so very few dollars.

Integrity was maintained in the exactness of tasks completed. APLS again received an outstanding rating from the Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts and commendations from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in the coordination of statistical reporting and the planning/approval/distribution of funding for the LSTA program.

Many of the accomplishments of 2010 were made with the enlistment of new employees in the agency's Field Services staff, BPH, and IT Services. Long time employees Susan Clements, Janet Hamilton, and yours truly, retired to make way for the new diggers who shall chart the future. And while nothing is certain in this time of economic hardship, certainly the knowledge that hard work, diligent service, and true commitment are a formula for success is true. Thus, the mantra for the future is to *keep digging*!

Always the best for the public librarians of Alabama Hulen

Information Technology Report

Fiscal year 2010 was an exciting time for the Information Technology Department at APLS. We started the year off with some great training at the APLS Total Library Conference. In keeping with our plans for migration to the Macintosh computer platform, Clyde Mills of APLS and I gave a very informative afternoon training session on how the Apple iMac is operated. We showed how its Open Source friendly environment, along with its vast multimedia capabilities can be best utilized in our Alabama public libraries. During the training session, I had the opportunity to explain in-depth to our conference attendees how the lack of virus problems along with the built in guest account means less IT overhead for their library. Our training session was very well received and sparked several great questions. This was an affirmation of what I have always believed, that Alabama libraries can and will be on the cutting edge of today's technology so that we can continue to provide the citizens of Alabama with the very best public library experience.

I received the honor of being asked to present at the 2010 Alabama Library Association Conference in Huntsville, which provided the opportunity to speak to a very attentive audience about the benefits of leveraging OpenSource technologies in our libraries. I was also a guest of the Horseshoe Bend Regional Library System, who asked me to speak to them about what services the APLS



Kevin Goff

Information Technology Department could provide, *free of charge*, to their libraries to help save them money. I had a great time and always welcome an invitation to any of our state's public libraries.

Following along with the theme of saving the library money with OpenSource solutions, our dedicated IT staff developed our very own version of the Evergreen library cataloging system. We affectionately refer to this as "TrevorGreen". Trevor Johnson is a vital member of my staff who has worked tirelessly all year long to develop, test, migrate, train and ultimately implement APLS' complete migration from the Sirsi system to our own OpenSource catalog. Trevor is continuing our development on this system in hopes that we can begin to offer this same service FREE to Alabama public libraries.

Fiscal year 2010 also saw APLS migrate from a limited and outdated Access database system to a more advanced and intuitive database system called Filemaker. Clyde Mills has become our full time website and database developer. Clyde has spent a good portion of FY2010 developing and implementing our full migration to the Filemaker database. His incredible dedication to this project has been the key factor in our success. Clyde continued developing and hosting websites for our public libraries, at no charge to them. Many of these libraries have never had a presence on the Internet before now.

We continued to advance our Circuit Rider program, which is our IT department technicians, whose main focus is to support the IT needs of our state public libraries. APLS circuit riders are available to assist either remotely via phone and remote desktop tools or in person when the need warrants a site visit. Our Circuit Riders traveled in excess of 25,000 miles this year assisting our libraries. There are only 10,735 miles of Alabama State Highways and I believe we covered them all more than a few times.

APLS continued its efforts in bringing Alabama public libraries onto the cutting edge of technology by providing grants to our libraries for multimedia rich computer systems. The total monies granted from APLS to the public libraries during this effort were over \$300,000. We also had the great fortune to grant money to eight of our state's libraries providing them with full video conferencing systems. We have already used this new resource to provide training as well as a means of attending the statewide APLS Administrators' Meeting, saving libraries travel time and money. This is an exciting use of our technology dollars that will continue to provide value to our state for years to come.

I look forward to the many possibilities to do great things for our libraries in FY2011; I know it's going to be one heck of a ride!

Kevin Goff

Library Services

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant Award: \$2,731,303, an increase of \$185,812 over the previous year.

APLS LSTA Grant Awards: Approximately \$1,486,618 in grants to state public libraries for FY2010. Grants were given in six main categories:

Children at Risk - \$108,969 Collection Development - \$366,675 Difficulty Using a Library - \$35,011 Library Technology - \$834,838 Lifelong Learning - \$120,335 Professional Training - \$20,790

APLS—funded statewide reference databases: An amount of \$773,561 for HomeworkAlabama, Learning Express Library and World Book Encyclopedia

Bibliostat Connect/Collect: \$39,600 [Each public library is required to submit an annual statistical report to APLS in order to be eligible to receive State Aid. Bibliostat is the database used by the libraries to input and submit their reports.]

State of Alabama Resource Sharing (STARS) and OCLC FirstSearch access: \$396,649 [Using STARS (Alabama's union catalog) and First-Search enables public libraries to perform interlibrary loan (ILL) and cataloging tasks more efficiently.]

An excess of \$2.6 million of the LSTA grant award was spent either in direct grants or statewide support projects for the state public libraries

State Aid: \$4,159,395 (89 cents per capita), a decrease of \$818,155 over the previous year. This was caused by a reduced appropriation and 9.5% proration.

Award Winning Libraries in Alabama

The H. Grady Bradshaw-Chambers County Public Library (Valley) was awarded the 2010 Blue Ribbon by the Alabama Library Association Public Library Standards Committee.

Six of Alabama's public libraries received national rankings in 2009 and 2010. The Flomaton Public Library, Homewood Public Library, Orange Beach Public Library, Rogersville Public Library, and Thomas B. Norton Public Library (Gulf Shores) were selected as *Library Journal* "Star Libraries" in 2009; the Birmingham Public Library, Flomaton Public Library, and Rogersville Public Library were selected as "Star Libraries" in 2010. The Flomaton Public Library and Orange Beach Public Library were also ranked 4th and 6th respectively in their population groups on the Hennen's American Public Library Ratings in 2010. During Hennen's ten-year history, the Flomaton library has appeared a total of five times including two consecutive years as the top library in their population group.

Construction and Renovations

Ariton-Dot Laney Memorial Library
Dale County

renovation to kitchen and bathroom

Athens-Limestone Public Library
Limestone County
new renovated facility

Collinsville Public Library
DeKalb County
elevator and staircase installation

DeKalb County Public Library
DeKalb County
video security system installation

Enterprise Public Library
Coffee County
lighting renovation

Flomaton Public Library
Escambia County
shelving and site preparation for new facility

Geraldine Public Library
DeKalb County
new carpet and tile

Guntersville Public Library
Marshall County
new telephone and security system installation

Midfield Public Library

Jefferson County

new roof and HVAC

Odenville Public Library
St. Clair County
replace light fixtures

Ozark-Dale County Public Library
Dale County
new roof

Rainsville Public Library
DeKalb County
renovate basement

Tupper Lightfoot Memorial Library (Brundidge)
Pike County
new wiring and HVAC

Washington County Public Library (Chatom)
Washington County
HVAC repair

White Smith Memorial Library (Jackson)
Clarke County
video security system installation



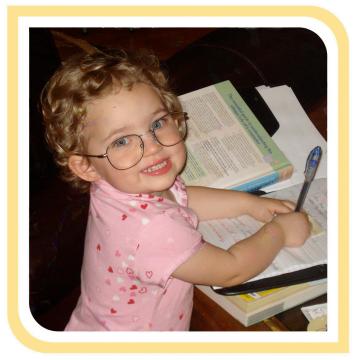
Homework Alabama.org

HomeworkAlabama receives award from Harvard University

Homework Alabama is an online tutoring program provided by Tutor.com that offers free tutoring to all Alabama citizens in the areas of Pre-K through adult studies in English, Math, Science, and Social Studies. The service is available Sundays through Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. (http://tutor.com). Tutoring sessions are performed by certified professional tutors that assist students with solving problems but do not actually do the work for the student. There is also a Skills Center Library that is available 24/7. The Skills Center is divided into three areas: Career Resources. Homework Resources, and Test Prep Resources. Homework Alabama is a statewide effort made possible by APLS through local public libraries using LSTA funds and state funds requested by The Office of the Governor and appropriated by the State Legislature specifically for this program. In 2010, 47,769 tutoring sessions were performed totaling 17,560 hours of instruction. The average length of each session was 22 minutes. The basic rate for qualified tutoring is approximately \$75 per hour. IF a citizen attempted to seek tutoring on their own, they would have to pay \$750 for 10 hours of instruction. HomeworkAlabama provided Alabama's citizens with over \$1.3 million worth of tutoring for free.

HomeworkAlabama has received national attention since it began in 2005. In September 2010, the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation established the Bright Ideas Program. The program was designed to recognize and share creative government initiatives around the country with inovative public sector, nonprofit, and academic commu-

nities. Bright Ideas seeks to complement the long-standing Innovations in American Government Awards Program by providing government agencies with a collection of new solutions that can be considered and adopted today. The new program serves to recognize promising government programs and partnerships that government officials, public servants, and other might find useful when faced with their own challenges. A total of 173 government programs were selected to receive "Bright Ideas" awards. HomeworkAlabama was one of three programs selected for this honor from Alabama.



You've got homework. We've got help.

FREE help online from real tutors.

Disaster Planning

While not always directly affected by disasters, libraries become a lifeline for many displaced persons

For the past several years, Alabama public libraries have been affected, both directly and indirectly, by disasters. In 2002, over 90% of the collection of the Macon County-Tuskegee Public Library had to be discarded due to mold infestation. In 2004, Hurricane Ivan flooded the Atmore Public Library in Escambia County resulting in the library being closed for ten months for repairs. Hurricane Ivan also caused pine trees to uproot next to the Orange Beach Public Library in Baldwin County causing damage to the parking lot and roof. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast and swept the contents of the Bayou La Batre Public Library out into the Gulf of Mexico. The library has since built a new facility farther inland. In 2009, the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library's branch location in Triana was destroyed by fire. In 2010, a tornado caused damage to the Albertville Public Library in Marshall County.

While not always directly affected by disasters, libraries become a lifeline for many displaced persons needing to fill out FEMA forms online or emailing family and friends. This was made particularly clear after Hurricane Katrina when Alabama's Gulf Coast libraries (particularly the ones in Gulf Shores, Mobile, and Orange Beach) saw a massive influx of evacuees from Louisiana and Mississippi.

With the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster in April 2010, the results included fishing waters closing, cancellation of hotel and condominium bookings, and reduction in workforce for the entire region. Before the end of May, oil could be seen along the coast and on the Alabama beaches. With unemployment numbers rising so did the need for

resources for jobs (such as resumes and job searching), unemployment assistance, and insurance claims. The area also had an influx of unemployed people from across the United States looking for jobs due to the oil spill. The Thomas B. Norton Public Library in Gulf Shores and the Orange Beach Public Library have continually dealt with seasonal changes of the local library users, summer visitors, and the 'Snowbirds' during the so-called off season. In reaction to the oil spill, additional resources were added to the libraries' websites, flyers were posted in the community encouraging users to come to the libraries and use the public computers, WiFi, resource materials, FAX machine, copier, scanner and anything else the library had available. During this time, even a typewriter was in high demand. Online resources such as the Alabama Virtual Library (AVL), HomeworkAlabama.org, and Learning Express Library were valuable to those who had become a statistic of the unemployed. These resources were and continue to be a needed tool for those in need of employment, by providing tutorials on job searches, writing resumes, and continuing education preparedness. The libraries were also used by the United States Coast Guard and the companies doing clean up for BP utilizing all resources offered for their jobs and keeping in touch with their families in other parts of the country.

Having a disaster plan on file with APLS is now a requirement to receive State Aid. It is recommended that every Alabama public library prepare a two-part document to (1) handle disasters and emergencies directly affecting the library and (2) provide citizens with information to prepare for disasters and for their personal recovery should they become disaster victims. APLS Field Services Staff Jim Smith has developed a document entitled *Sample Disaster and Emergency Plan for Alabama Public Libraries*. Topics included in this manual are (1) developing an emergency planning team, (2) handling most of the kinds of emergencies Alabama libraries may face, and (3) explaining the importance of having adequate property insurance in case of a disaster. There is also a sample safety and preparedness

policy and a sample policy for helping people in a community affected by a disaster. Contact Jim Smith at (800) 723-8459 x3907 or jsmith@apls.state.al.us to obtain a copy of the sample document.



State of Alabama Resource Sharing (STARS):

STARS helps to strengthen the collective resources of Alabama's public libraries and helps reduce their costs

STARS is Alabama's union catalog, contained within OCLC's WorldCat and accessed through OCLC's First-Search database. STARS contains the holdings of most of the public, academic, and special libraries in the state, and it is funded and administered by APLS.

STARS is an important interlibrary loan tool, used by its members to borrow and lend materials within Alabama and throughout the Southeast and the nation. Of the 216 public libraries profiled in STARS, many were active users in FY2010 with Alabama public-to-public library borrows totaling 13,348 and lends totaling 11,989. Between Alabama

public and non-public libraries (academic, special, regional, and national), there were 8,424 materials borrowed and 6,554 materials lent in FY2010. Through STARS, our public libraries borrowed and lent a total of 40,315 items. The number of searches in all of FirstSearch totaled 62,556.

Part of the funding for STARS provides access to WorldCat, OCLC's bibliographic database. This access allows libraries to search WorldCat, export bibliographic records to their online catalogs, add and delete their holdings, and use the Library of Congress authority files. All of this activity for our public libraries in FY2010 totaled 730,805 transactions. As the figures show, STARS is a valuable part of library operations in the state, helping to strengthen the collective resources of Alabama's public libraries and helping to reduce their costs. STARS gives all public libraries the same access to quality services to manage their collections regardless of their location and service population. STARS is an excellent example of leveling the playing field between the "haves" and the "have nots".



Technical Services

Fiscal year 2010 was also a time of transition for Technical Services. Ruth Evans returned as Technical Services Head after the unexpected death of long time APLS Reference Librarian Katie Ray.

The APLS collection contained a total of 64,255 volumes comprising the circulating, reference, and Alabamiana collections. Printed serial titles totaled 691 along with 450 microfiche and 199 microfilm titles.

APLS logged a total of 692 visitors to our facility with 621 of those visitors making use of computers and materials with assistance provided by our Reference staff as needed. Interlibrary loan activity of the agency totaled 1,125 items lent and 109 items borrowed.

Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund ("E-Rate")

E-Rate provides discounts to schools and libraries within the United States and territories for telecommunications and Internet access in order to make these services more affordable. The program is funded at up to \$2.25 billion per year by contributions from telecommunications service providers and is administered by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), a non-profit corporation overseen by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Discounts ranging from 20% to 90% are available in four categories of service (telecommunications, Internet access, internal connections, and basic maintenance of internal connections) and are based on the percentage of students eligible for the National School Lunch Program. Libraries and schools in low-income urban communities and rural areas qualify for the highest discounts to assure that every American,

regardless of age, income, or location has access to the essential tools of the Information Age. Alabama public libraries received nearly \$1 million in discounts in 2010. Approximately one-third of the libraries received discounts of 80% to 90%.

APLS partnered with USAC in 2010 to create the Helping Applicants to Succeed (HATS) outreach training initiative for E-rate applicants. Over 60 public libraries participated in the E-rate training and received one-onone guidance/training tailored to their specific concerns and needs. John Noran and Ginna Melendez from USAC conducted an overview of the E-rate program and Jerome Browning from the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) answered questions relating to the State Master Contract for filing E-rate. After the training session, Mr. Noran and Ms. Melendez visited several public libraries at random to discuss their individual E-rate issues.

Alabama Reads

144,060 Participated in Alabama Reads

In 2009, Alabama was the first state to receive a National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) Big Read grant for a statewide project ("Alabama Reads") to provide Alabama citizens with the opportunity to read and discuss a single book within their communities. The book chosen for the project is *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain. The public libraries were divided into nine regions with the following locations serving as Regional Coordinators: Anniston-Calhoun County Public Library; Daleville Public Library

(Dale County); Guntersville Public Library (Marshall County); Harrison Regional Library (Shelby County); Huntsville-Madison County Public Library; Jefferson County Library Cooperative; Marion-Perry County Library; Montgomery City-County Public Library; and Thomas B. Norton Public Library (Baldwin County). Programs were held from February 2010 through April 2010. Over 1,500 programs and book discussions were held with an attendance of 144,060 participants. 2010 was also the Year of Alabama Small Towns and Downtowns. During the Great Alabama Homecoming, some 215 towns across the state hosted homecoming events and festivals nearly every weekend from mid-March through mid-December. Many libraries scheduled their Alabama Reads programs to coincide with the Homecoming festivities.

Summer Reading Program



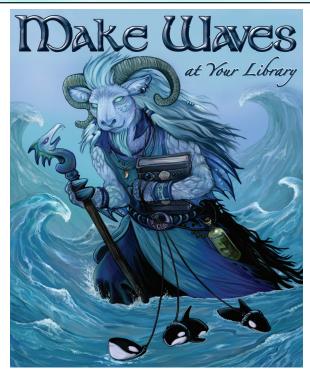
Make a Splash: Read A Wet & Wild Summer for the Children at

Alabama Public Libraries

Summer Reading Programs across the state are much anticipated by children and adults alike. This year's aquatic themes were no exception: Make a Splash Read (children), Make Waves @ Your Library (teens), and Water Your Mind (adults), brought out the wet and wild creativity in librarians all over Alabama.



Choctaw County Public Library Butler, AL



2010 Summer Reading Program Statistics:

- ► 35,416 received reading certificates at the end of the summer
- ► Approximately 1,270,904 books were read
- ► 243,973 participants attended 5,122 program events
- ► Approximately 623,000 summer reading/children and youth services reading materials and manuals were distributed to support the programs at the public libraries



Eva Public Library Eva, AL

Albert L. Scott Library Alabaster, AL



Huntsville, AL



Chelsea Public Library Chelsea, AL

Over one Million books read



Troy Public Library Troy, AL



Tupper Lightfoot Memorial Library Brundidge, AL



McGregor-McKinney Public Library Hartford, AL

Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (BPH)

In 2010, BPH circulated 120,452 special format volumes to 6,151 patrons and 214 institutions

Several changes occurred in BPH this year. Among those changes, Ken Herston joined the BPH staff to replace the void created when Susan Clements, Reader Advisor (RA), retired after 25 years of service to BPH; Tony Hale and Jeff Finklea returned to work in the BPH Warehouse; and Carolyn Mallard now provides some much needed administrative assistance.

The transition from cassette tapes to the digital world continued. The month of April became a phone marathon of contacting patrons to introduce them to this new service. Help with this project was provided when the consultant staff took over the warehouse duties while the RAs made contact with over 4,000 patrons to tell them about the new digital machines and flash drive cartridges. Many questions were answered about this new service and updated information gained for cleaning up patron records.

Circulation:

In 2010, BPH circulated 120,452 special format volumes to 6,151 patrons and 214 institutions. The average monthly circulation of 10,038 was above last year's numbers despite a few service disruptions. In addition, 1,099 interlibrary loans (ILLs) were provided to subregional library patrons. Large mailings of the new digital players also took place over several months.

The daily circulation count reached approximately 700 book items a day. The Braille collection was monitored and reduced as needed through the National Library Service Excess and Redistribution program (NLS XESS). Older print/Braille titles were transferred to the Talladega Subregional Library to benefit the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind (AIDB) Resource Center for use in the school library and the subregional.

We have two service contracts, one with the Utah State Library (USL) for Braille circulation and the other with the Mississippi Library Commission (MLC) for circulation of adaptive videos. We in turn supply MLC with older NLS cassette titles for their patrons. The number of Braille readers served by the USL remained unchanged. With the MLC contract, BPH added another 106 patrons for service bringing the total to 682 active readers in Mississippi. MLC patrons requested a total of 13,000 books for the year; however, there were waiting lists for many of the more popular titles and authors. BPH staff continues to seek more copies of the most heavily used or depleted titles in demand through XESS. The MLC continues to circulate their descriptive videos to Alabama patrons at no cost.

Of the 60 summer reading program packets mailed, there were six (6) participants who read 58 books in cassette and Braille formats. The AIDB Resource Center had nine (9) participants in its summer reading program who read 68 books.

Volunteers:

During the year, BPH had over 40 volunteers, donating 1,000 hours of service to the library. Two former Telephone Pioneers assisted with machine repairs, but the demand was higher than they could keep manage. The Pioneer group in Birmingham worked on machines for the Talladega Subregional Library. The South Dakota Regional Library was able to help with repairs as well. The National Library Service (NLS) provided extra machines as requested to meet patron demands.

With the sudden influx of digital machines, volunteer resources became primary. Personnel from Maxwell-Gunter AFB rose to the occasion making a monetary contribution and offering their time to assist as needed. This contribution of time and money was featured in a subsequent issue of the *What's Line* publication.

National Library Service (NLS):

The BPH Regional Librarian attended the North/South Regional Conference of Librarians Serving the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Des Moines, Iowa. Much of the conference centered on the impact of the digital talking book (DTB) implementation.

NLS Consultant Vicki Collins came to BPH for the biennial program compliance visit and was pleased to find progress was being made with the digital machine shipments. She was interested in activating the online patron access catalog (OPAC), and implementing a website for BPH. She felt that both of these would benefit BPH by allowing patrons to handle some of their own circulation needs and answering basic questions. This would free up the Reader Advisors to work in other patron areas.

Public Relations:

The BPH Consumer Advisory Committee approved the expenditure of funds for the purchase of blank car-

tridges and peripheral equipment needed for in-house book downloading for patrons.

Several public libraries contacted BPH throughout the year to inquire about software for their public access computers. Others wanted applications for individual library service.

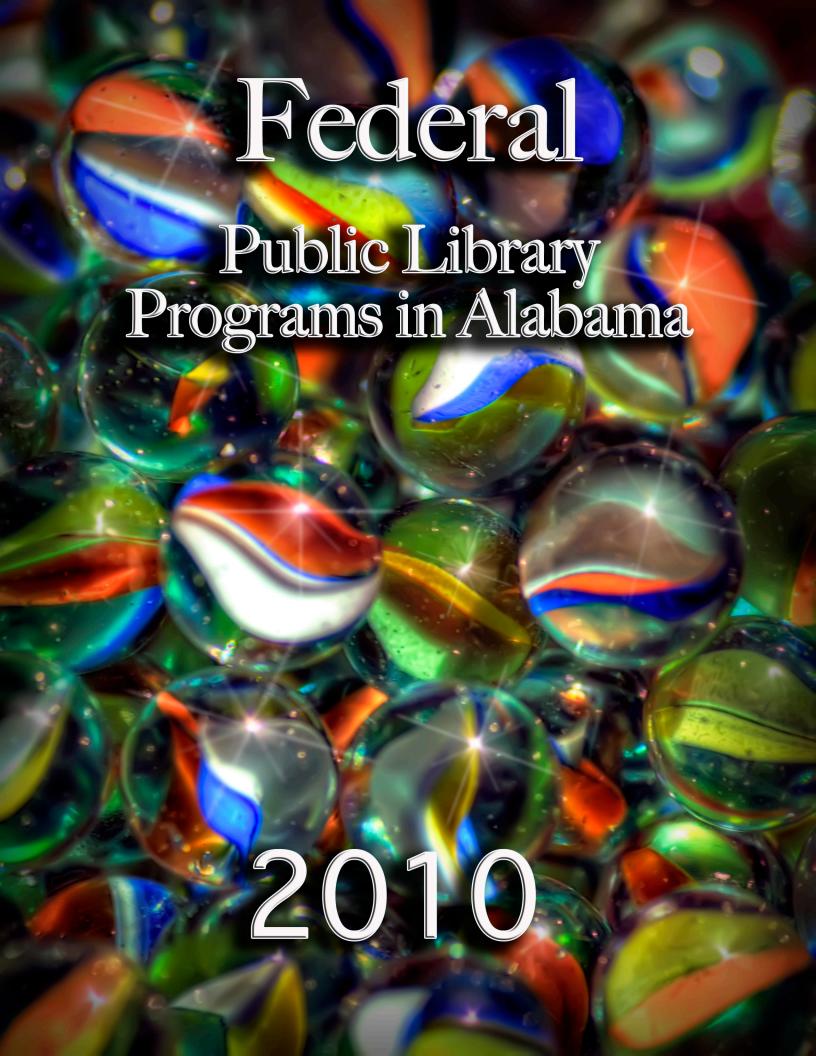
The *What's Line* newsletter was used to notify patrons of the new digital program as well as other changes or events at APLS. The newsletters generated many phone calls, which were helpful in updating records to reflect deceased, inactive, or other patron changes.

Subregional Libraries:

Contact, by either actual site visits or phone calls, was maintained with each subregional library. Bobby Lipscomb took over at Huntsville after the retirement of Joyce Welch in 2009. Teresa Lacy and Emily Myers remained at Talladega and Dothan respectively. Following the 2009 retirement of Barbara Jordan from Tuscaloosa, the library board decided not to keep the subregional open. Newer materials were returned to BPH for XESS redistribution while Jana Fine at Tuscaloosa handled older titles. Affected patrons were contacted and activated within the BPH system.

Health InFoNet of Alabama

What's unique about Health InfoNet? It's the expertise of librarians all over Alabama ready to help citizens with their health information needs. Health InFoNet is a free consumer-based health information service provided by public libraries with assistance from the University of Alabama at Birmingham Lister Hill Library and the University of South Alabama Biomedical Library. Health InFoNet is a service of the Alabama Health Libraries Association (ALHeLA), Alabama Public Library Service (APLS), and State Health Planning and Development Agency. Visit the Health InfoNet website for more information (www.HealthInfonet.org).



Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)



The Library Services Act (LSA) was introduced by Senator Lister Hill of Montgomery in 1946. The LSA was signed into law by President Eisenhower on June 19, 1956 and was to remain in effect until June 30, 1961 making it the first federal legislation for public libraries. It was

designed to improve the library services in rural areas. The first allotment from Congress was \$2 million with each state receiving \$40,000. Congressman Carl Elliott of Jasper was the major supporter in the House for the extension of the LSA. The LSA became the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) in 1964 and was to remain in effect until June 30, 1966. The LSCA became the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) in 1996 and remains that today.

PURPOSES:

The priorities of the LSTA are as follows:

- 1. Expanding services for learning and access to information and educational resources in a variety of formats, in all types of libraries, for individuals of all ages;
- 2. Developing library services that provide all users access to information through local, state, regional, national, and international electronic networks;
- 3. Providing electronic and other linkages among and between all types of libraries;
- 4. Developing public and private partnerships with other agencies and community-based organizations;
- 5. Targeting library services to individuals of diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds, to individuals with disabilities, and to individuals with limited functional literacy or information skills; and
- 6. Targeting library and information services to persons having difficulty using a library and to underserved urban and rural communities, including children (from birth through age 17) from families with incomes below the poverty line as defined by the Office of Management and Budget and revised annually in accordance with 42 USC Sec. 9902 (2) applicable to a family of the size involved.



The Alabama Public Library Service (APLS) provides direct and statewide grants to Alabama libraries with the assistance of the LSTA allotment we receive each year. Grants are only awarded after a satisfactory application showing need and are contingent on available Federal funds. The LSTA is a categorical grant and is permissive legislation in that it does not define the specific actions that must be taken in order to fulfill this mandate. In order to receive allotments from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the funding authority of LSTA funds, we must have a current five-year plan that has been approved by IMLS that corresponds with the LSTA priorities listed above. Our plan was revised and approved in 2007 and goes through September 30, 2012.

The LSTA amount allotted to Alabama for FY2009 was \$2,545,491. The LSTA amount allotted to Alabama for FY2010 was \$2,731,303, resulting in an increase of \$185,812.

Here are the FY2010 competitive grant amounts and FY2010 year-end grant amounts awarded to libraries. Each category is broken down by Congressional District:

- > APLS awarded FY2010 LSTA children at risk grants to public libraries as follows:
 - Congressional District 1: \$31,596** (3 libraries)
 - o Congressional District 2: \$10,000** (1 library)
 - Congressional District 3: N/A
 - Congressional District 4: \$17,000** (2 libraries)
 - Congressional District 5: N/A
 - Congressional District 6: \$26,825** (2 libraries)
 - o Congressional District 7: \$34,173** (3 libraries)
- ➤ APLS awarded FY2010 LSTA collection development grants to public libraries as follows:
 - o Congressional District 1: \$26,600** (4 libraries)
 - Congressional District 2: \$39,250** (7 libraries)
 - o Congressional District 3: \$51,000** (5 libraries)
 - Congressional District 4: \$186,025** (32 libraries)
 - Congressional District 5: \$68,825** (10 libraries)
 - Congressional District 6: \$62,000** (8 libraries)
 - o Congressional District 7: \$20,600** (4 libraries)
- > APLS awarded FY2010 LSTA difficulty using a library grants to public libraries as follows:
 - o Congressional District 1: \$11,211** (1 library)
 - Congressional District 2: N/A
 - o Congressional District 3: N/A
 - o Congressional District 4: N/A
 - Congressional District 5: N/A
 - o Congressional District 6: \$20,000** (1 library)
 - Congressional District 7: N/A

- APLS awarded FY2010 LSTA library technology grants to public libraries as follows:
 - Congressional District 1: \$131,779** (7 libraries)
 - Congressional District 2: \$34,007** (5 libraries)
 - Congressional District 3: \$31,500** (3 libraries)
 - Congressional District 4: \$228,499** (16 libraries)
 - Congressional District 5: \$196,497** (11 libraries)
 - o Congressional District 6: \$321,924** (17 libraries)
 - o Congressional District 7: \$228,878** (14 libraries)
- > APLS awarded FY2010 LSTA lifelong learning grants to public libraries as follows:
 - Congressional District 1: \$26,962** (2 libraries)
 - o Congressional District 2: \$39,250** (2 libraries)
 - o Congressional District 3: \$20,000** (1 library)
 - o Congressional District 4: \$10,000** (1 library
 - o Congressional District 5: \$18,000** (1 library)
 - o Congressional District 6: \$321,924** (17 libraries)
 - Congressional District 7: \$26,123** (2 libraries)
- > APLS awarded FY2010 LSTA professional training grants to public libraries as follows:
 - Congressional District 1: \$6,930** (3 libraries)
 - Congressional District 2: N/A
 - o Congressional District 3: N/A
 - Congressional District 4: \$6,930** (2 libraries)
 - Congressional District 5: \$4,620** (2 libraries)
 - o Congressional District 6: \$2,310** (1 library)
 - Congressional District 7: \$2,310** (1 library)

^{**} Reflects library service areas in two districts. Grants reported in both districts.

In addition to the individual grants awarded, the following statewide support grants were awarded:

- ➤ The Alabama Department of Youth Services received a Strengthening Youth and Family (SLD) grant in the amount of \$5,000 in order to encourage recreational reading among the adolescent boys at the two smallest ALDYS campuses (Autauga and Thomasville) by adding new history and geography materials to the collections at the campus libraries.
- The Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind Resource Center Library received a Services for the Disabled grant in the amount of \$3,800 in order to purchase two assistive technology workstations, a document scanner, and Unity Desktop Professional Suite software to convert printed material to an audio format more quickly and efficiently.

APLS provided an excess of \$1.2 million in statewide projects in the following areas:

- Acquisition and utilization of materials for reference and interlibrary loan (ILL) purposes to Alabama public libraries, Alabama State Employees, and Alabama citizens.
- ▶ Blind and Physically Handicapped services to eligible Alabama citizens.
- Library development services to Alabama public libraries in the form of consultations (phone, email, on-site), technical electronic support (phone, email, on-site), and reference assistance (phone, email, on-site workshops).
- > Statewide databases (i.e., FirstSearch, HomeworkAlabama, Learning Express, STARS, and World Book)
- > Statistics assistance for completing the online annual statistics report that is required in order to receive State Aid.
- > Summer library program materials distribution to Alabama public libraries for dispersal at public library summer programs.

FY2010 Alabama Members of Congress



Senator Richard Shelby



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Jeff Sessions

District One



JO BONNER

District One includes the following counties: Baldwin, Clarke (portion), Escambia, Mobile, Monroe, and Washington.

District One FY2010 Projects

LIBRARY	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Alabama Department of Youth Services	Strengthening Youth and Family	\$5,000
Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind (AIDB) Resource Center	Services for the Disabled	\$3,800
Atmore Public Library	Strengthening Youth and Family (SLD)	\$3,596
Baldwin County Library Cooperative (Robertsdale)	Information Access and Collection Control	\$8,063
Baldwin County Library Cooperative (Robertsdale)	Professional Training	\$2,310
Bay Minette Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Bay Minette Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control (SLD)	\$13,192
Daphne Public Library	Strengthening Communities	\$18,220
Fairhope Public Library	Strengthening Youth and Family	\$20,000
Flomaton Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Foley Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$13,691
Foley Public Library	Professional Training	\$2,310
Ina Pullen Smallwood Memorial Library (Chickasaw)	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Mobile Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$60,000
Mobile Public Library	Library Technology (videoconferencing equipment)	\$15,000
Orange Beach Public Library	Services for the Disabled	\$11,211
Orange Beach Public Library	Strengthening Communities	\$8,742
Thomas B. Norton Public Library (Gulf Shores)	Information Access and Collection Control	\$8,880

District One FY2010 Projects (continued)

Thomasville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$5,600
Thomasville Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control (SLD)	\$5,780
Thomasville Public Library	Professional Training	\$2,310
Washington County Public Library (Chatom)	Strengthening Youth and Family	\$8,000
White Smith Public Library (Jackson)	Information Access and Collection Control (SLD)	\$7,173

District Two



BOBBY BRIGHT

District Two includes the following counties: Autauga, Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Coffee, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Elmore, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lowndes, Montgomery (portion), and Pike.

District Two FY2010 Projects

LIBRARY	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Alabama Department of Youth Services	Strengthening Youth and Family	\$5,000
Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind (AIDB) Resource Center	Services for the Disabled	\$3,800
Autauga-Prattville Public Library	Strengthening Communities	\$19,250
Daleville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Elba Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$2,250
Elton B. Stephens Library (Clio)	Library Technology	\$1,500
Emma Knox Kenan Public Library (Geneva)	Collection Development (SLD)	\$3,000
Enterprise Public Library	Library Technology (videoconferencing equipment)	\$15,000
Eufaula Carnegie Library	Collection Development	\$9,400

Florala Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$4,000
Houston-Love Memorial Library (Dothan)	Collection Development	\$10,000
Mary Berry Brown Memorial Library (Midland City)	Information Access and Collection Control (SLD)	\$2,507
McGregor-McKinney Public Library (Hartford)	Collection Development (SLD)	\$3,600
Montgomery City-County Public Library	Strengthening Communities	\$20,000
Ozark-Dale County Public Library	Strengthening Youth and Family	\$10,000
Wetumpka Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control (SLD)	\$15,000

District Three



MICHAEL ROGERS

District Three includes the following counties: Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa (portion), Lee, Macon, Montgomery (portion), Randolph, Russell, Talladega, and Tallapoosa.

District Three FY2010 Projects

LIBRARY	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Adelia M. Russell Library (Alexander City)	Information Access and Collection Control	\$15,000
Alabama Department of Youth Services	Strengthening Youth and Family	\$5,000
Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind (AIDB) Resource Center	Services for the Disabled	\$3,800
Anniston-Calhoun County Public Library	Collection Development	\$10,000
Auburn Public Library	Collection Development	\$10,000
Auburn Public Library	Library Technology (videoconferencing equipment)	\$15,000

B. B. Comer Memorial Library (Sylacauga)	Collection Development	\$10,000
Cheaha Regional Library (Heflin)	Collection Development	\$10,000
Earle A. Rainwater Memorial Library (Childersburg)	Collection Development (SLD)	\$4,000
Montgomery City-County Public Library	Strengthening Communities	\$20,000
Munford Public Library	Library Technology	\$1,500
Ohatchee Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000

District Four



ROBERT ADERHOLT

District Four includes the following counties: Blount, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Lamar, Marion, Marshall, Morgan (portion), Pickens (portion), St. Clair (portion), Walker, and Winston.

District Four FY2010 Projects

LIBRARY	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Alabama Department of Youth Services	Strengthening Youth and Family	\$5,000
Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind (AIDB) Resource Center	Services for the Disabled	\$3,800
Arab Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$13,760
Arley Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Ashville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Boaz Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Boaz Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control (SLD)	\$15,000
Carbon Hill City Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Carrollton Public Library	Collection Development	\$7,000

District Four FY2010 Projects (continued)

Clyde Nix Public Library (Hamilton)	Collection Development (SLD)	\$1,500
Collinsville Public Library	Strengthening Communities	\$10,000
Cordova Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Cullman County Public Library (Cullman)	Information Access and Collection Control	\$15,734
Decatur Public Library	Collection Development	\$10,000
Doris Stanley Memorial Library (Moody)	Information Access and Collection Control	\$24,000
Double Springs Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Eva Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$5,600
Falkville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$2,725
Falkville Public Library	Emergency Grant (Internet service)	\$960
Falkville Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control (SLD)	\$14,045
Gadsden-Etowah County Public Library	Library Technology (videoconferencing equipment)	\$15,000
Gadsden-Etowah County Public Library	Professional Training	\$2,310
Gadsden-Etowah County Public Library	Strengthening Youth and Family	\$12,000
Geraldine Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$5,500
Geraldine Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control (SLD)	\$6,500
Grant Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$4,000
Guntersville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Guntersville Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control (SLD)	\$15,000
Haleyville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Jasper Public Library	Collection Development	\$10,000
Mary Wallace Cobb Public Library (Vernon)	Collection Development (SLD)	\$500
MCHS Community Library (Guin)	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Millport Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$1,500
Northwest Regional Library (Winfield)	Collection Development	\$1,500
Odenville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Odenville Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control (SLD)	\$15,000
Oneonta Public Library	Professional Training	\$2,310
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District Four FY2010 Projects (continued)

Pickens County Library Cooperative (Carrollton)	Micrographic Equipment	\$4,500
Priceville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Ragland Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Rainsville Public Library	Professional Training	\$2,310
Rainsville Public Library	Strengthening Youth and Family (SLD)	\$5,000
Reform Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$4,000
Russellville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$4,000
Somerville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Southside Public Library	Library Technology	\$1,500
Springville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$4,000
Springville Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control (SLD)	\$15,000
St. Clair County Library (Ashville)	Collection Development	\$9,700
St. Clair County Library (Ashville)	Library Technology	\$69,500
Steele Public Library	Library Technology	\$1,500
Sulligent Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$4,000
Sumiton Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Weatherford Public Library (Red Bay)	Information Access and Collection Control (SLD)	\$1,500
William Bradford Huie Library (Hartselle)	Collection Development	\$7,500
Winfield Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$5,000



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District Five



PARKER GRIFFITH

District Five includes the following counties: Colbert, Jackson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, and Morgan (portion).

District Five FY2010 Projects

LIBRARY	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Alabama Department of Youth Services	Strengthening Youth and Family	\$5,000
Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind (AIDB) Resource Center	Services for the Disabled	\$3,800
Athens-Limestone Public Library	Collection Development	\$10,000
Athens-Limestone Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$30,168
Burchell Campbell Library (Lexington)	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Decatur Public Library	Collection Development	\$10,000
Eva Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$5,600
Falkville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$2,725
Falkville Public Library	Emergency Grant (Internet service)	\$960
Falkville Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control (SLD)	\$14,045
Florence-Lauderdale Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$16,880
Florence-Lauderdale Public Library	Library Technology (videoconferencing equipment)	\$15,000
Huntsville-Madison County Public Library	Digitization of High-Demand Rare Library Materials	\$15,000
Huntsville-Madison County Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$60,000
Huntsville-Madison County Public Library	Library Technology (videoconferencing equipment)	\$15,000
Killen Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$5,000
Killen Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control (SLD)	\$5,700
Lawrence County Public Library (Moulton)	Professional Training	\$2,310

District Five FY2010 Projects (continued)

Lawrence County Public Library (Moulton)	Strengthening Communities	\$18,000
Leighton Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control (SLD)	\$11,912
Lena Cagle Public Library (Bridgeport)	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Muscle Shoals Public Library	Professional Training	\$2,310
Priceville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Rogersville Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control (SLD)	\$11,832
Somerville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
William Bradford Huie Library (Hartselle)	Collection Development	\$7,500

District Six



SPENCER BACHUS

District Six includes the following counties: Bibb, Chilton, Coosa (portion), Jefferson (portion), Shelby, St. Clair (portion), and Tuscaloosa (portion).

District Six FY2010 Projects

LIBRARY	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Alabama Department of Youth Services	Strengthening Youth and Family	\$5,000
Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind (AIDB) Resource Center	Services for the Disabled	\$3,800
Ashville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Bessemer Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$3,983
Birmingham Public Library	Strengthening Communities	\$20,000
Chelsea Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Chelsea Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control (SLD)	\$5,600

District Six FY2010 Projects (continued)

Clay Public Library	Library Technology	\$1,500
Doris Stanley Memorial Library (Moody)	Information Access and Collection Control	\$24,000
Green Pond-Woodstock Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control (SLD)	\$4,000
Harrison Regional Library (Columbiana)	Library Vehicles	\$20,000
Harrison Regional Library (Columbiana)	Professional Training	\$2,310
Homewood Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$60,000
Hoover Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$60,000
Hueytown Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$3,983
Jefferson County Library Cooperative (Birmingham)	Information Access and Collection Control	\$21,890
Leeds Jane Culbreth Library	Strengthening Communities	\$6,123
North Shelby Library (Birmingham)	Collection Development	\$10,000
Odenville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Odenville Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control (SLD)	\$15,000
Parnell Memorial Library (Montevallo)	Strengthening Youth and Family	\$11,200
Pelham Public Library	Collection Development	\$10,000
Pleasant Grove Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$3,983
Ragland Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Springville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Springville Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control (SLD)	\$15,000
St. Clair County Library (Ashville)	Library Technology	\$69,500
Steele Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$7,000
Trussville Public Library	Strengthening Youth and Family	\$15,625
Tuscaloosa Public Library	Library Technology (videoconferencing equipment)	\$15,000
Vestavia Hills Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$11,949
West Blocton Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control (SLD)	\$6,536

District Seven



ARTUR DAVIS

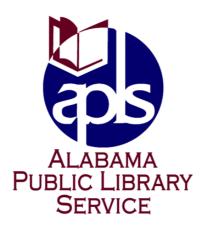
District Seven includes the following counties: Choctaw, Clarke (portion), Dallas, Greene, Hale, Jefferson (portion), Marengo, Perry, Pickens (portion), Sumter, Tuscaloosa (portion), and Wilcox.

District Seven FY2010 Projects

LIBRARY	PROJECT	AMOUNT
Alabama Department of Youth Services	Strengthening Youth and Family	\$5,000
Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind (AIDB) Resource Center	Services for the Disabled	\$3,800
Bessemer Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$3,983
Birmingham Public Library	Strengthening Communities	\$20,000
Carrollton Public Library	Collection Development	\$7,000
Demopolis Public Library	Strengthening Youth and Family (SLD)	\$6,708
Hale County Library (Greensboro)	Information Access and Collection Control (SLD)	\$12,000
Homewood Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$60,000
Hoover Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$60,000
Hueytown Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$3,983
Jefferson County Library Cooperative (Birmingham)	Information Access and Collection Control	\$21,890
Leeds Jane Culbreth Library	Strengthening Communities	\$6,123
Marengo Library System (Demopolis)	Information Access and Collection Control	\$3,637
Pickens County Library Cooperative (Carrollton)	Micrographic Equipment	\$4,500
Pleasant Grove Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$3,983
Reform Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$4,000
Ruby Pickens Tartt Public Library (Livingston)	Collection Development (SLD)	\$4,000

District Seven FY2010 Projects (continued)

Selma-Dallas County Public Library	Library Technology (videoconferencing equipment)	\$15,000
Selma-Dallas County Public Library	Strengthening Youth and Family	\$11,840
Thomasville Public Library	Collection Development (SLD)	\$5,600
Thomasville Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control (SLD)	\$5,780
Thomasville Public Library	Professional Training	\$2,310
Trussville Public Library	Strengthening Youth and Family	\$15,625
Tuscaloosa Public Library	Library Technology (videoconferencing equipment)	\$15,000
Vestavia Hills Public Library	Information Access and Collection Control	\$11,949
White Smith Public Library (Jackson)	Information Access and Collection Control (SLD)	\$7,173



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